2011 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will commence January 25, 26, and 27, 2011.

Thousands of volunteers will partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

(LAHSA) to conduct the street count enumeration that has occurred every two years since 2005.

While the count itself is federally-mandated, the purpose and benefits of conducting the Homeless Count goes far beyond meeting a requirement. The data gathered in January will be extremely valuable to efforts to reduce and end homelessness across Los Angeles County. It will help service providers, policy makers, local governments, elected officials and other stakeholders understand the geographic and demographic diversity of homelessness so that the types of services and housing provided are responsive to the need.

In addition, collecting this data provides an opportunity to track changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population over time, and to monitor our progress towards ending homelessness. We must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation in this important endeavor.

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2011 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT January 4, 2011

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaims January 25-27, 2011, as Homeless Count Week 2011.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer works with the Executive Director of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; the Directors of the Departments of Public Social Services, Child Support, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Children and Family Services, Public Works and Community and Senior Services; the County Librarian; the Community Development Commission; Chief Information Officer; Policy Roundtable for Child Care; the Los Angeles County Office of Education; and the Sheriff, to ensure support for the 2011 Homeless Count and encourage staff to volunteer.

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